texts, they have not commenced negotiations on an Investment Protection Agreement.

Visit of US Treasury Secretary

6947. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR
SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the recent visit of the US Treasury Secretary to New Delhi, arrangements were discussed and arrived at for ensuring a two way fast flow of investment and for providing due protection to such investment; and

(b) if so, the details of the talks and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) and (b) During the visit of the US Treasury Secretary to India from 17th to 20th April, 1995, the focus of discussions related to strengthening of economic and commercial relations between India and USA. The current policy initiatives and the environment which was conducive to investors, and would facilitate enhanced investments in the country was also recognised. The extensive opportunities for increasing US investments, particularly in the core infrastructure sectors were highlighted during discussions. In the light of discussions, it was accepted that both countries would continue to work closely with each other to promote further private investments from USA to India, as also to strengthen bilateral economic and commercial relations. Negotiations for Bilateral Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement did not take place during the aforementioned visit of US Treasury Secretary to India.

Appointment of director in ITC

6948. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether ICICI Securities appointed a Director on the Board of India Tobacco Company in an unusual manner;

(b) if so, what are the compulsions of ICICI Securities to appoint directors at odd hours;

(c) whether Government have given approval for such an appointment in this manner;

(d) whether any guidelines exist for post scam behaviour of financial institutions; and

(e) the steps being taken to review the management actions of ICICI?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India Limited (ICICI) has reported that ICICI Securities and Finance Company Limited (I-Sec) has not appointed a director on the Board of Indian Tobacco Company.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) Reserve Bank of India have *inter-alia* issued guidelines to financial institutions with regard to investment portfolio-transactions in securities and prudential norms for income recognition, asset classification and provisioning.

(e) The Board of Directors of All India Financial Institutions (AIFIs) such as ICICI are responsible for monitoring the activities of the institution. The Government monitors the position of overall sanctions and disbursements made by the AIFIs and appoints its nominee directors on the Board of AIFIs. Besides, the matters of General policy nature and of common interest to AIFIs are discussed with Chief Executives of AIFIs in meetings held from time to time.

राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंकों के कार्यकरण का निरीक्षण

6949. श्री राम जेठमलानी :
श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :

क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार द्वारा राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंकों के कार्यकरण के निरीक्षण हेतु एक